

The Watchman and Southern.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1902.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1850 and the *True Southern* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southern* now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

The reports from the State campaign held last week indicate that Capt. D. C. Heyward is the favorite candidate for Governor in Sumter, Orangeburg and Bamberg. We hope the reception given him in these counties is an omen of his success throughout the State. Capt. Heyward is decidedly the best man in the race, and is not an old political hack, who has for years lived by holding office. He is a clean, honest, able and patriotic citizen, who as Governor will reflect credit on the State and give us a business administration. If a man is in doubt as to who to vote for, he will make no mistake by deciding to vote for Heyward, if he wants to see the best man in the race elected.

The Firemen's Tournament is sure to be a great success. The firemen are coming and the crowds are coming, for the people of the State have learned that Sumter never half does a thing she undertakes.

The isthmian canal has received what amounts to a knockout blow for the present. When the Senate adopted the Panama substitute bill and laid aside the Nicaragua route, the enemies of any and all isthmian canal legislation scored a triumph. They found it impossible to defeat the isthmian canal outright and by uniting with the opponents of the Nicaragua route have succeeded in so confusing the fight that there is no hope of anything definite being done in the near future. When the issue is again brought up they will probably join forces with the Nicaragua route senators against the Panama route. The real enemies of the isthmian canal are the Pacific railroads, and it has been openly charged for several years that they have spent, are spending and will spend millions in the effort to prevent the construction of any canal across the isthmus.

Congressman Johnson, of the Fourth District, is the only South Carolina Congressman who is at his post of duty in Washington. The other six are campaigning in the State. Mr. Johnson takes the position that he was elected to represent his district in Congress and reject all advice to return home to meet the strong fight that is being made against him by those who aspire to his seat. He says it is his duty to remain in Washington as long as Congress is in session and he will do so at whatever cost. He is the sort of man to send to Congress and keep there.

A few years ago good roads were not an issue in the State campaign and the men and newspapers that persistently preached good roads and insisted that it was a question of the first magnitude were regarded by office-seekers generally as cranks. Now all the politicians are bunched together on the good roads platform. The work of the good roads cranks has already brought forth fruit and the improvement of the roads in all parts of the State shows the practical results of the campaign of education. The blatant advocacy of goods roads by the office seekers is another result of the good roads movement, but it is not a result to take much pride in—it is merely an indication that they have felt the pulse of the people and have ascertained what is the popular sentiment.

A Fine Resort.

Mr. H. S. Simpson, one of the proprietors of the Glenn Springs hotel, was in the city Thursday. He is traveling in the interest of the springs, which grow more popular each year, there being a steadily increasing demand for the water in all sections of the South. Mr. Simpson reports that the hotel at the springs is already filling up with guests and the season promises to be the most successful in the history of the Springs. During the winter extensive improvements have been made in the hotel. The interior has had a thorough overhauling and the entire house repainted. Electric lights have been put in and the hotel is brilliantly lighted from top to bottom. The dining room is kept delightfully cool by electric fans, and at the request of any guest fans will be put in the bedrooms.

Mr. Simpson is not a frequent visitor to Sumter, but counts his friends here by the score, for all who have visited Glenn Springs for health or pleasure know him well and are indebted to him for many thoughtful attentions that contributed to the pleasure and comfort of their stay at Glenns.

A. A. Pope, of Cleveland, will rebuild the interior of Adelbert College at an expense to himself of about \$100,000. Mr. Pope's gift is in remembrance of his friendship for Amasa Stone, who endowed the institution.

KING EDWARD STRICKEN WITH SERIOUS ILLNESS

The Coronation, in Consequence, Is Indefinitely Postponed.

SURGICAL OPERATION NECESSARY.

It Afforded Temporary Relief, But His Majesty Is Still in a Very Critical Condition—The Nation Paralyzed.

London, June 25.—With dramatic suddenness, King Edward has been stricken down upon the eve of his coronation. He now lies in a critical state at Buckingham palace.

The Earl Marshal has promulgated the following decree: "I have to announce that the solemnity of the coronation of their majesties, King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, is postponed from the 26th to a date hereafter to be determined."

The best informed opinion places the coronation in about three months' time, provided King Edward progresses well in the meantime.

Preparations for the festivities have come to a complete standstill and the elaborate decorations are being taken down. Indescribable consternation prevails throughout the country.

The king's doctors believe that his majesty would have been dead before now except for the operation. His condition became so alarming last night that at one time it was feared death might ensue before the surgeon's knife could afford him relief. Intense swelling of the extremities, accompanied by alarming symptoms of mortification, constituted the emergency which demanded an immediate operation.

If last night's progress is maintained he will probably tide over the effects of his severe operation, which has successfully relieved the local trouble. But should any complication occur, such as septic peritonitis poisoning, it is feared his majesty's present physical and nervous condition would prove unequal to the strain involved.

At twenty minutes past 4 o'clock this morning the officer of the guard at Buckingham palace informed a representative of the Associated Press that there was no new development in the king's condition.

CONDITION OF THE CROPS.

The Weekly Bulletin of the United States Weather Bureau.

Columbia, June 25.—The following is the weekly crop bulletin of the South Carolina section of the climate and crop service, United States weather bureau, issued by Section Director J. W. Bauer:

The average temperature for the week ending Monday, June 23, was 79 degrees, which is slightly below normal. The highest was 97 degrees at Darlington and Florence on the 20th, the lowest 61 degrees at Liberty on the 21st. Partly cloudy weather prevailed during the greater portion of the time. The winds were generally light, except over limited areas high winds accompanied thunder storms, and in Beaufort county, where almost hurricane winds prevailed early in the week.

The rains on the 14th and 15th were general and heavy over the western half of the State, where the amounts ranged from two to over five inches, shading off to less than an inch in the eastern portions. There were frequent scattering showers over the whole State, except in the Pee Dee sections, where the rainfall was limited, and where more rain is badly needed in many places.

The ground has been too wet to plow in the southeastern counties, especially in the Salkehatchie valley, where grassy fields are becoming common, but generally the cultivated fields are still clean and show the good effects of their previous thorough cultivation.

The rains caused a material improvement in corn, and the earliest has about all been laid by in good condition. It is in "silk and tassel." Later plantings look promising. Stubble lands and bottoms have been planted extensively, with the soil in condition for quick germination. Bud-worms are still doing damage, but on the whole there is less damage by worms than heretofore.

The condition of cotton is very fine, except in a few localities, where excess of rain has caused deterioration, and in other localities where lice have broken the hitherto almost perfect stands and checked its growth. Lice are fast disappearing. Mexican weevils have appeared in Marlboro county. A few fields have become foul with grass and weeds. Blooms have been noted in every portion of the State, and a few points report the plants blooming freely. Sea island cotton made moderate improvement.

Tobacco has made rapid growth, and the crop is above average condition but needs rain in Florence and portions of Marion counties. Topping is general, but curing has made slow progress.

Rice is a very promising crop. A large acreage of peas has been sown

on stubble lands. Wheat and oats thrashing is well underway; the yields of both crops are poor over the western half of the State. The weather was favorable for transplanting sweet potatoes; slips are scarce in Pickens county. Some peaches are rotting on the trees. The fruit crop will be a moderate one, except blackberries and plums, which are plentiful. Pastures, gardens and other minor crops were greatly improved by the copious rainfall and warmer nights.

He Knew Jim Tillman.

A good many amusing stories have been told at Jim Tillman's expense, but none, whether founded on fact or pure fiction, take precedence over an incident that occurred when he was attending the campaign meeting last Tuesday. Jim was shaking hands with a small knot of men who claimed to be his friend and supporters, and as such gatherings were few and far between in Sumter that day, he was giving the boys a great jolly. While thus engaged a man with a local celebrity as a boozologist meandered along and he was pretty well loaded. One of Jim's friends and admirers, thinking the subject a good one and the time opportune, undertook to make another friend for Jim. He caught the boozologist by the arm and steered him up to Jim, saying at the same time, "Mr. —, let me make you acquainted with Gov. Tillman."

"That's all right," said Mr. Boozologist. "I know Gov'nor Tillman and he knows me all right."

"Yes, indeed," replied Jim. "I know you, your face is perfectly familiar, but can't recall your name. However, I am glad to see you again."

"Yes, that's so," said Mr. Boozologist. "I knew you would know me."

"Oh, yes," said Jim, "didn't I meet you when I was in Sumter two years ago?"

"No," said Mr. Boozologist, "No you didn't do no such damn thing. You know well enough you saw me every day when you came to Keeley in Columbia to get a 'dope,' and you know it didn't do you a damn bit more good than it did me."

"Good evening," said Jim to his little crowd of admirers. "I must be going—have an important engagement."

"I told you he knew me and I knew him," said Mr. Boozologist. "He knows me all right, better'n he does you."

AFFAIRS AT WEDGEFIELD.

The Earliest Ripe Melon—Diversification of Crops—Personal.

Wedgefield, June 25.—Lewis James colored, holds the record for the earliest ripe watermelon, he having cut one on the 18th instant.

It looks encouraging to see the number of wagon loads of wheat that have been coming to Mr. S. E. Thomas' thrasher. It looks as if people are gradually learning it is best to diversify and not depend solely on cotton.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Dell Mellett, of Sumter, to Mr. E. L. DuCom, of this town, on the 3d of July, at the home of the former.

Some of our people are getting up a picnic for the Fourth, but the place of holding it hasn't been decided on yet.

Miss Laura Orr, of Charlotte, N. C., is visiting the family of Mr. A. E. Aycock.

Mr. Charley DuPont, of Orangeburg, is on a visit to his mother, Mrs. J. H. DuPont.

HAGOOD HAPPENINGS.

The Crop Outlook Better Than Any Year Since 1880.

Hagood, June 24.—Crops are looking fine all over the country. This is especially true with regard to this section, and farmers generally are cheerful. It is a common remark that this resembles the year of '90, which is conceded to have been one of the finest the country ever knew.

A very fair oat and wheat crop has been harvested, especially where persons used soda or cereale, so that there is little occasion for distress.

There is an abundance of berries and vegetables are promising, so there is no complaining save at the price of meat.

There is little sickness anywhere and all promises well.

There will be a picnic at Old Providence Springs on July 5, given by New Hope Sabbath school.

Dr. McLaughlin is away at the springs for his health.

The other day while out in my cotton, where the lice were troubling it, discovered what I would call worms, full grown ones, five-eighths of an inch long, with red spots and a few hairs or prickles. When these worms go into chrysalis they change to a red color and come forth as bugs. When I first discovered them I thought they were like the lice, enemies, and killed a few of them. But on closer observation I found that they, worm and bug, were killing the lice. A day or so later I discovered a bug, a flat, round fellow, one-third of an inch in diameter, that seemed to be destroying the worm. The last named resembled what is called the chinch bug.

I mention these facts because they may be of value to cotton growers. I hope, therefore, that proper attention will be given it.

PISGAH NEWS NOTES.

Condition of the Crops—Gossip Concerning Lee County, Etc.

Pisgah, June 24.—The seasons have been very good for the crops up to this time. Not in years have such fine spring oats been made, almost equal to winter oats, and the strain on buying so much corn is relieved. If the rains continue regular during the month of July, this section can sell corn another year. Cotton is still holding its own and the minor crops look well, also gardens.

The health of our section is good. Mr. James Burckett has a daughter very low, and that is the only sick case that I know of.

A part of the chaingang under Mr. Gilbert Brown is working the bad places on the roads here. I find Mr. Brown a very pleasant young man. He has made many friends here, who will be always glad to see him. In working the roads, he strictly follows the road law, takes good care of the county property and is kind but strict with the convicts.

Owing to so many irregularities in the formation of Lee County in this section, the people here are unanimous for the suit to test the act in the Supreme Court. It is not a personal suit, but a legal one, and all should be glad to have the matter passed upon by our highest court.

A good many from here will attend the fire tournament in Sumter this week. If held a little later you would have had a crowd sure, but our people can't leave the crops, and in this connection I wish to say that I have never seen farmers stick more closely and work harder than they have this year. It has been a dead strain and drive all the time, but it will now soon end.

Saturday was the longest and hottest day in the year.

Clara Barton visited the White House the other day to say good-by to President Roosevelt before sailing for Russia. The President reminded her of their meeting in Cuba, when Miss Barton told him that on that occasion he was the dirtiest man she had ever seen.

Within two weeks ten negroes have been driven from Decatur, Ind., once a station on the "underground railway." One now remains in the town and he has been warned to leave. The place is said to be kept clear of negro citizens by a secret organization that has worked against the race for thirty years.

Concerning the State campaign meeting in Charleston, the Evening Post says: "The pronounced ovations of the meeting were those of Candidates D. C. Heyward, for Governor, and John D. Frost, for Adjutant and Inspector General. Dr. George D. Rouse, the only Charleston candidate who aspires to a State office, was also given generous applause, as were Messrs. Mobley and Prince, who are candidates for railroad commissioner. One of the surprises of the meeting was the favorable impression which was made by Col. James H. Tillman, who is a candidate for Governor. He seemed to be in favor among the younger men in the hall and his rasping of Col. Talbert was particularly severe. This seemed to meet with the favor of the audience, and Col. Tillman did not spare the veteran officeholder from Edgefield county."

WEEK-END RATES

From Sumter to Popular Summer Resorts, Via A. C. L.

Now effective and continuing to and including Saturday, August 23, the following week-end rates will apply from Sumter:

To Sullivan's Island and Isle of Palms—Tickets sold Saturdays and Sundays, limited to return not later than Tuesday morning following date of sale, \$3.00. Also to Conway (for Myrtle Beach), sold Saturday and limited to Monday.

To Wilmington, N. C.—Tickets sold Saturdays and Sundays, limited to return not later than Monday following date of sale, \$3.00.

To Waterloo, Spartanburg, Greenville and Cross Hill, S. C.—Tickets sold Saturdays and Sunday mornings, limited to Monday following date of sale, \$3.50.

To Glenn Springs, S. C.—Tickets sold Saturdays and Sunday mornings, limited to return not later than Monday following date of sale, \$4.00.

To Georgetown, S. C.—Tickets sold Saturdays and Sundays, limited to return not later than Tuesday morning following date of sale, \$3.00.

Iron-clad signature form tickets, limited to continuous passage, to be used.

Baggage will only be checked to Charleston on tickets to Sullivan's Island and Isle of Palms.

For information, address T. M. Emerson, traffic manager, Wilmington, N. C., or call on J. T. China, ticket agent, passenger station, Sumter, S. C.

Jim Tillman was "Tired."

Jim Tillman and some friends took a street car ride in Charleston, the other night. The Charleston Post thus tells the story:

"This is Chicory Park, the damnedest longest ride that I ever got for my money." This is the way that Jim Tillman, the parliamentarian, delivered himself when the car reached the station at Chicora Park about 10 o'clock last night. He was accompanied by four friends. They all repeated the remark of Tillman in turn. They were all probably candidates for offices or coat-tail swingers, and they wanted to be in accord with their chieftain. One of the party suggested that sleeping cars ought to be put on the run, which seemed to find ready acceptance among the statesmen. There is no question of the fact that a sleep would have proven a good thing for the entire party, they needed it.

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COUNTY OF SUMTER.

By Thos. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge. Whereas, Mrs. Lela C. Mellett, widow, made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Soule Mellett, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Soule Mellett, late of said County and State, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter, S. C., on June 28th, 1902, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 13th day of June, A. D., 1902.

THOS. V. WALSH,
Judge of Probate.

Estate of Capt. Jas. H. McLeod, DECEASED.

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